



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of humankind, as our health, comfort and standard of living depend upon an abundant supply of safe water; and

WHEREAS, Idaho clearly recognizes that an adequate and dependable supply of water is crucial to the economic well being of its agricultural and industrial economies; and

WHEREAS, Idaho residents and industry rely on economical electrical energy generated by hydroelectric facilities situated on Idaho rivers and canals; and

WHEREAS, Idaho residents and visitors cite the environmental beauty and productivity of Idaho's lakes, rivers, and ground water as a reason for living here; and

WHEREAS, some 14,000 Idaho 6th grade students across the state are concentrating their studies this week on the role of water in their life and in the life of their state; and

WHEREAS, special water education activities are being held around Idaho including water festivals and classroom presentations throughout the state for the educational benefit of our youth; and

WHEREAS, water is truly Idaho's most precious natural resource – the lifeblood of our state--it is appropriate to set aside a special time to call upon all Idahoans, young and old, to learn about the importance of water in their lives and to learn how they can protect and conserve our water resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 10 through 14, 2004 to be

WATER AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho and I encourage all Idahoans and visitors to make every effort to keep our water clean and pure. I also urge all our citizens to recognize the value, importance and fragility of our water resources, since without water our land and our future would dry up.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-seventh day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Yursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE